

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MESHEKOFF,

Plaintiff,

-against-

BEST BUY STORES, L.P.,

Defendant.

23-CV-02204 (AS)

NOTICE OF REASSIGNMENT

ARUN SUBRAMANIAN, United States District Judge:

This case has been reassigned to the undersigned. All counsel must familiarize themselves with the Court's Individual Practices, which are available at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-arun-subramanian>. Unless and until the Court orders otherwise, all prior orders, dates, and deadlines shall remain in effect notwithstanding the case's reassignment.

Additionally, by Monday, August 21, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., the parties are hereby ORDERED to file on ECF a joint letter updating the Court on the status of the case. The joint letter shall not exceed five (5) pages, and shall provide the following information, to the extent it is relevant, in separate paragraphs:

1. Names of counsel and current contact information, if different from the information currently reflected on the docket;
2. Per the Court's Individual Practices, the person serving as Lead Trial Counsel for each party;
3. A brief statement of the nature of the case and/or the principal defenses thereto;
4. An explanation of why jurisdiction and venue lie in this Court. The letter must explain the basis for the parties' belief that diversity of citizenship existed *at the time of removal to federal court*. See *Wright v. Musanti*, 887 F.3d 577, 585 (2d

Cir. 2018) (“[W]e have held that in cases removed to federal court from state court on the basis of diversity jurisdiction, diversity of citizenship need be established ... at the time of removal.”). The parties are reminded that a statement of an individual’s residence is insufficient to establish citizenship. *See Leveraged Leasing Admin. Corp. v. PacifiCorp Cap., Inc.*, 87 F.3d 44, 47 (2d Cir. 1996) (“It is also clear that a statement of the parties’ residence is insufficient to establish their citizenship.”). The individual’s state of citizenship (i.e., his or her domicile) must be specifically alleged. *See Palazzo ex rel. Delmage v. Corio*, 232 F.3d 38, 42 (2d Cir. 2000) (“Domicile is the place where a person has his true fixed home and principal establishment, and to which, whenever he is absent, he has the intention of returning.” (internal quotation marks omitted)). Where any party is a corporation, the letter shall state both the place of incorporation and the principal place of business. In cases where any party is a partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, or trust, the letter shall state the citizenship of each of the entity’s members, shareholders, partners, and/or trustees;

5. A statement of all existing deadlines, due dates, and/or cut-off dates;
6. A statement of any previously-scheduled conference dates with the Court that have not yet occurred and the matters that were to be discussed;
7. A brief description of any outstanding motions, including the date of the motion and the nature of the relief sought;
8. A statement and description of any pending appeals;

9. A detailed statement of all discovery undertaken to date, including how many depositions each party has taken and what, if any, discovery remains that is essential for the parties to engage in meaningful settlement negotiations;
10. A brief description of the status of prior settlement discussions, without disclosing exact offers and demands;
11. A statement of whether the parties have discussed the use of alternate dispute resolution mechanisms and indicating whether the parties believe that (a) a settlement conference before a Magistrate Judge; (b) participation in the District's Mediation Program; and/or (c) retention of a privately retained mediator would be appropriate and, if so, when in the case (*e.g.*, within the next 60 days, after the deposition of plaintiff is completed, after the close of fact discovery, etc.) the use of such a mechanism would be appropriate;
12. An estimate of the length of trial; and
13. Any other information that the parties believe may assist the Court in advancing the case to settlement or trial, including, but not limited to, a description of any dispositive or novel issue raised by the case.

If this case has been settled or otherwise terminated, counsel are not required to submit such letter or to appear, provided that a stipulation of discontinuance, voluntary dismissal, or other proof of termination is filed on the docket prior to the joint letter submission deadline, using the appropriate ECF Filing Event. See SDNY ECF Rules & Instructions §§ 13.17-13.19, available at http://nysd.uscourts.gov/ecf_filing.php. Requests for extensions or adjournment may be made only by letter-motion filed on ECF, and must be received at least 48 hours before the deadline or scheduled appearance, absent compelling circumstances. The written submission must state (1) the original date(s) set for the appearance or deadline(s) and the new date(s)

requested; (2) the reason(s) for the request; (3) the number of previous requests for adjournment or extension; (4) whether these previous requests were granted or denied; and (5) whether opposing counsel consents, and, if not, the reasons given by opposing counsel for refusing to consent.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 8, 2023
New York, New York

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Subramanian', is written over a horizontal line.

ARUN SUBRAMANIAN
United States District Judge